



Global Youth Service Day Grants APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Call for Application

The Utah Commission on Volunteers (UCOV) is now accepting applications for Global Youth Service Day project grants. The goal of these grants is to increase the number of youth who serve in meaningful roles as volunteers dedicated to addressing important needs in communities across Utah.

The specific goal of these grants is to assist nonprofit organizations who participate in Global Youth Service Day with the costs of 1) building awareness about volunteer opportunities that exist for youth in Utah; 2) developing a service project as a way to engage youth volunteers for more long term projects.

Grants for \$300 will be awarded to organizations to create projects that occur ideally between April 26-28, 2013, (though anytime between April 13 to April 28 will qualify) celebrating Global Youth Service Day. Volunteer participants must be ages 8 to 24 to meet Global Youth Service Day requirements. A minimum of 100 youth must be engaged in your project.

Grantees will be responsible for:

- Registering your service project by March 15, 2013 on volunteers.utah.gov and on www.gysd.org.
- Tracking all expenses and submitting a detailed invoice to the UCOV for reimbursement by May 15, 2013.
- Covering all costs incurred by projects until reimbursement from the UCOV is received.
- Tracking the grant requirements for the service projects being implemented according to the information required on the final report.
- Submission of a final report indicating project details and the number of youth volunteers that participated (minimum of 100 required) by May 15, 2013.
- Providing a match of grant funds toward your project.
- Partnering with at least two other organizations to promote and carry out project.
- Participating in a Youth Service Coalition that would include conference calls, emails and meetings.

Failure to meet all of the above requirements could result in forfeiture of grant funding.

Applicant Eligibility

Any nonprofit, government, or faith-based organization that works with youth is eligible to apply.

Eligible Activities

Any volunteer service activity taking place on or around Global Youth Service Day (April 26-28) that benefits a community and raises awareness of youth volunteer opportunities in a respective area will qualify.

Selection Criteria

All applications received will be reviewed by the Youth Voice Committee. Awards will be reviewed for the following criteria:

- Description of project details and identification of who the project benefits
- Applicants representing a variety of program types
- Applicants plan for recruiting youth volunteers
- Plans to retain volunteers for future or long term service
- Identification of communities and partners involved in the projects
- Identification of matching resources
- Projected numbers of youth volunteers for the project (above the minimum of 100 total per grant awarded)

****** In an effort to attain geographic diversity throughout the state, the Commission reserves the option of selecting an applicant for funding based on their geographic location.

Funding restrictions

Grants may not be used for fundraising or cash prizes. Political or religious proselytizing activities are also prohibited.

Application Deadlines

- A. Applications are due **March 1, 2013**. Please complete the application online, if you have any questions you may email Tracy Healey at thealey@utah.gov.
- B. Grant recipients will be announced by **March 8, 2013**.
- C. Service Projects must be completed between **April 13 and 28, 2013**.
- D. Final grant reports are due by **May 15, 2012**.

Please note that this is a reimbursable grant.

All deadlines and requirements must be met to receive grant reimbursements.